

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

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1. (Currently Amended) A handheld computer system, comprising:
a housing;
a display supported by the housing;
a processor coupled to the display;
a rechargeable battery configured to power the processor and the display;
a recharging connector coupled to the rechargeable battery;
a recharger coupled to the recharging connector; and
a radio frequency transceiver coupled to the processor and powerable by the battery when the battery has a charge above a low level, the transceiver configured to send and receive data while the battery charge is below the low level and the charger provides charge to the rechargeable battery and to the transceiver, the battery unable to power the transceiver when the charge is below the low level and no charge is being provided to the battery.

2. (Original) The handheld computer system of claim 1, wherein the recharger is a recharging cradle.

3. (Original) The handheld computer system of claim 1, wherein the recharger includes a recharger connector configured to couple to the recharging connector.

4. (Original) The handheld computer system of claim 1, wherein the recharger is also a synchronization cradle.

5. (Original) The handheld computer of claim 4, wherein the synchronization cradle includes an electrical connector that is configured to couple to the recharging connector.

6. (Currently Amended) The handheld computer system of claim 5~~4~~, wherein the electrical connector is configured to couple to a data connector on the handheld computer.

7. (Original) A method of transmitting data over a radio frequency (RF) link from a handheld computer having a low battery charge, comprising:

providing the handheld computer with a rechargeable battery having a relatively low charge;

coupling the handheld computer to a recharger;

providing power from the charger to a transceiver of the handheld computer while the handheld computer is coupled to the recharger;

establishing an RF link using the transceiver.

8. (Original) The method of claim 7, further comprising:

providing power from the rechargeable battery to the transceiver.

9. (Original) The method of claim 7, further comprising:

coupling the handheld computer to a synchronization cradle, the synchronization cradle having a charger connector.

10. (Original) The method of claim 7, further comprising:

providing data across the RF link.

11. (Original) The method of claim 7, further comprising:

draining the rechargeable battery to a charge level at which the transceiver is unable to establish an RF link.

12. (Original) The method of claim 7, further comprising:

receiving an e-mail message.

13. (Original) The method of claim 7, further comprising:

receiving a cellular telephone call.

14. (Currently Amended) handheld computer, comprising:
a housing;
a display supported by the housing;
a processor coupled to the display;
a rechargeable battery configured to power the processor and the display;
a recharging connector coupled to the rechargeable battery; and
a radio frequency (RF) transceiver coupled to the processor and powerable by the battery when the battery has a charge above a low level, the transceiver configured to send and receive data while the battery charge is below the low level and the charging connector receives power from a power source and provides power to the rechargeable battery and to the transceiver, the battery unable to power the transceiver when the charge is below the low level and no charge is being provided to the battery.

15. (Original) The handheld computer of claim 14, further comprising:
a computer program running on the processor, the computer program configured to request access to the RF transceiver.

16. (Original) The handheld computer of claim 15, wherein the computer program is an e-mail program.

17. (Original) The handheld computer of claim 15, wherein the computer program is an always-on e-mail program.

18. (Currently Amended) The handheld computer of claim 14, further comprising:
an expansion connector coupled to the processor, the expansion connector configured to couple to input/output devices ~~memory devices~~.

19. (Original) The handheld computer of claim 18, wherein the RF transceiver is coupled to the expansion connector.

20. (Currently Amended) A handheld computer, comprising:
an expansion module including a rechargeable battery and a radio frequency (RF) transceiver, the battery configured to power the transceiver when the battery has a charge above a low level;

a processor;

a display; and

a module connector configured to couple to the expansion module,

wherein the RF transceiver is configured to send and receive data while the battery charge is below the low level and the module receives power from a power source and provides power to the rechargeable battery and to the transceiver, the battery unable to power the transceiver when the charge is below the low level and no charge is being provided to the battery.
